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SUBJECT: 31ST UNGA - COSTA RICA'S SPEECH IN THE GENERAL DEBATE

1. COSTA RICA'S FOREIGN MINISTER FACIO IN HIS SPEECH TO PLENARY IN THE UNGA GENERAL DEBATE TOUCHED ON A WIDE RANGE OF INTERNATIONAL ISSUES.
2. DEFENDING UNIVERSALITY, HE REGRETTED THAT VIETNAM'S APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE UN HAD BEEN POSTPONED.
3. FACIO HOPED THAT WITH THE RESUMPTION OF LOS CONFERENCE IN MAY 1977 INTRANSIGENT POSITIONS WOULD BE ABANDONED.
4. ON KOREA, HE EXPRESSED PLEASURE THAT THE TWO CONFLICTING DRAFT RESOLUTIONS HAD BEEN WITHDRAWN AND HOPED DIRECT NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN BOTH KOREAS COULD NOW BE COMMENCED.
5. HE LAMENTED LACK OF PROGRESS ON DISARMAMENT.
6. SPEAKING WITH EMOTION, FACIO ADDRESSED TWO-THIRDS OF HIS SPEECH TO THE QUESTIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND TERRORISM. HE DECRIED THE "HYPOCRISY" OF MEMBER STATES WHICH CLAIM TO DEFEND HUMAN RIGHTS WHILE AT THE SAME TIME VIOLATE THEM. HE REITERATED COSTA RICA'S

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CALL FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF A HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR HUMAN

RIGHTS. HE SINGLED OUT FOR PRAISE THE "GLORIOUS" RESCUE OF
ISRAELI CITIZENS AT ENTEBBE. HE FORCEFULLY DENOUNCED
TERRORISM AS AN EVIL FOR ALL OCCASIONS AND URGED THE GA
"TO DECLARE WAR AGAINST INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM."

7. FACIO CONCLUDED HIS ADDRESS BY PRAISING SECRETARY KISSINGER,
UK FM CROSLAND, AND THE LEADERS OF AFRICA WHO HAVE BROUGHT
ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF PEACEFULLY ENDING ILLEGAL MINORITY
RULE IN SOUTHERN AFRICA.
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